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OUR MISSION: We are God forgiven and mission driven.

OUR VISION: To be that Lake Mills place where belonging, healing, growing, serving and believing are open to all, regardless of background, experience or aptitude. Central to this is that we are a -forgiving, mission-driven community, which means we all want to have an impact, shaped by the love of Christ to serve all others.

WEEKLY ANOUNCEMENTS – FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST– JUNE 28-JULY 5

THIS WEEKS TEXTS – FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

PSALM: 89:1-4,15-18

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42



Life in Christ Includes Praise and Lament

Though we may prefer to think of God giving us lives of joy and ease, a full life in Christ also includes sorrow and grief. To the extent we are willing to acknowledge God's presence in every circumstance, our faith becomes integrated and sustainable through a lifetime.

The texts for today offer a survey of faith-full moments for the people of God, from arguably the most disturbing story in all our scriptures (Genesis 22; semicontinuous series) to the proclamation of God's everlasting faithfulness (Psalms 89 and 13).

Does our worship have a blind spot? Do we avoid faithful lament?

Marked by transformation as clear and life and death (Romans 6), the disciple naturally embodies the gospel of Jesus Christ. Like it or not, this includes moments of sadness, grief, and betrayal that were very much a part of Jesus' faithful journey. If our lives are identified with Christ, disciples can name both joys and sorrows as dimensions of Christ's story and purpose.

The greatest challenge of faith for most Christians is the moment of suffering, so this day invites us to practice faithful lament. In an age of denial when difficult things are swept under the rug, we may resist the idea that God wants anything to do with suffering. Our scriptures, however, ensure we do not avoid earth-bound realities. The psalmist wails a prayer in faith that not only laments abandonment by God but also confesses God's steadfast love (Psalm 13; semicontinuous series). The story of Abraham and Isaac haunts our imaginations when we expect God to make life easy.

Worship calls us to faithfully lament as well as praise. Let today be a service of full-hearted proclamation of the depths of life in Christ.

Salem's COVID-19 Plan

Salem is now in Phase #1 of the COVID-19 Plan.

NOTE: Wearing a mask is strongly encouraged. Wearing a mask will primarily protect others, especially the vulnerable.

In-Person 'Soft Opening' Worship Service
8:30 am, Sunday, June 28th and Sunday, July 5th
 *10 people in the sanctuary per current guidelines
 *Northwest entrance doors by elevator will be unlocked

*For those that would like to gather together to worship under the big tree, we will be broadcasting the service over K10W.

*Follow social distancing guidelines

***Wearing a mask is strongly encouraged. Wearing a mask will primarily protect others, especially the vulnerable.**

*Attendance will be taken for traceability purposes in the event of an outbreak

*Worshippers must bring their own lawn chairs

*Single use bulletins will be available in the south entrance

* An Offering collection pail will be set out in south entrance along with the bulletins

* Restrooms along east hall will be available

* No communion

*Sharing of the Peace by waving at fellow worshippers

*No Fellowship

*Radio/livestream remains available

*Funerals follow 'soft opening' protocols

*Weddings follow 'soft opening' protocols

*Sanctuary cleaned and sanitized

CELEBRATING GENEROSITY

During this time of social distancing, there are several ways to continue your giving.

- By mail.
 - You can sign up for a weekly or monthly ACH withdrawal (Simply Giving), or PayPal. For ACH, call the office and I can get you a form to complete.
 - By PayPal - go to our website (www.salemlakemills.com) home page, scroll to the bottom left and there is a Donate button. Click on it and will take you to a PayPal or credit card donation page. Call the office with any questions. (641.592.1771)
- We as a church still have financial obligations to meet at this time. I pray that all stay calm & healthy.

Lake Mills Community
Blood Drive
July 8, 2020
1:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Salem Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall, 401 South Lake Street, Lake Mills

**BE WILD this summer
& DONATE BLOOD**
then order these summer exclusive items
in the online store for only 200 points!

Set up your lifesaving appointment TODAY!
APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED:
Text: LIFESERVE to 834777 • Call: 600-367-4903 • Visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org

This blood drive is sponsored by
Lake Mills Community

Please bring a valid form of identification, such as your driver's license or photo ID. To ensure our ability to meet actual community standards and safety protocols, we require all donors to schedule an appointment to ensure blood donors are required to make a need for the donation. Prior appointment. If you do not have a need, we will provide you one. Blood on donations are not accepted at this time.

 **LifeServe**
YOUR BLOOD. YOUR HOSPITAL. YOUR NEIGHBOR.

CELEBRATING GENEROSITY – WEEKLY GIVING

LAST SUNDAY: 06/21/20	\$ 1,795
YEAR-TO-DATE: as of 06/23/20	\$ 109,477
LAST YEAR: as of 06/23/19	\$ 121,487
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE:	\$ -12,010



NEXT WEEKS TEXTS – FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

PSALM: 145:8-14

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

Please remember our graduates during this trying time.

Congratulations to:

Bennet Eaton, Andrew Fjelstad,
Mason Fritz, Katelyn Groe, Megan Groe,
Tyler Helgeson, Madison Holtan,
Toni Hukill, Ryan Knudtson,
Chance Levine, Hope Levine,
Nathaniel Lorensen, Grace Okland,
Jackson Rice, Elijah Stene, and
Summer Sterrenberg!



Reserve your special date to sponsor a 2020 8:30 a.m. radio broadcast. The service is heard on KIOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City and on cable channel 2. Cost for 2020 is \$83. CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR DATE - 641.592.1771.

2020 BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:

July 19, 26, Aug. 30, Sept. 6, 20, Oct. 11, 18,
25,
Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, Dec. 6, 13